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Dr. Michael E. Kilpatrick currently serves as interim director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury (DCoE). He leads DCoE's efforts to improve the quality of and access to programs addressing psychological health issues and traumatic brain injury.

Dr. Kilpatrick previously served as deputy director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Programs for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness, and as director, MHS Strategic Communications, where he managed the programs affecting deployment health and led efforts to increase awareness of military health and readiness programs among service members and their families.

Kilpatrick earned his bachelors degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1965, and his Medical Degree from the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine in 1969. He completed his Internal Medicine residency in 1972 and an Infectious Disease fellowship in 1974 at the University of California, Irvine. He has co-authored more than 70 peer-reviewed publications on tropical medicine and infectious diseases.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1999. His first assignment was as a staff physician in the Infectious Disease division at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. He then served five tours with the Medical Research and Development Command including assignments in Egypt and Peru, studying infectious diseases in areas of the world where military personnel may need to deploy. He was executive officer of the Naval Hospital in Orlando, Florida, and commanded the Naval Hospital in Millington, Tennessee. Dr. Kilpatrick completed his Navy career as the senior medical advisor to the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses. He was selected to the Senior Executive Service in 2000.

Dr. Kilpatrick's military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit awards, three Meritorious Service medals and the Peruvian Navy Cross.